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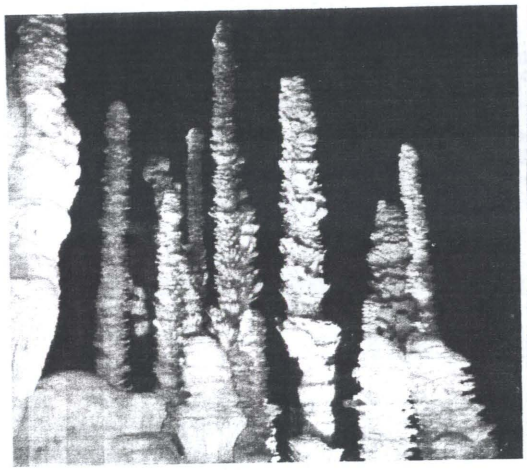
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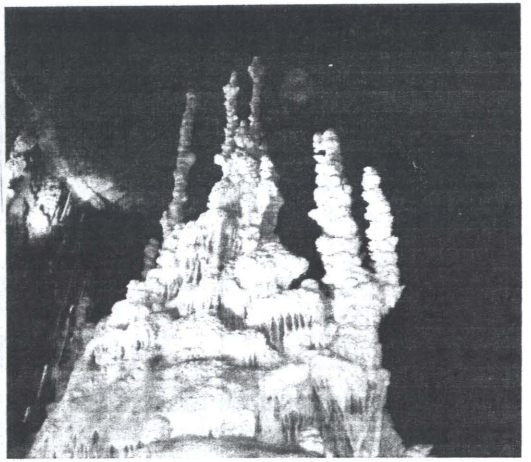
IT MAKES YOU WONDER!

During a recent visit to France in September 2011, our hosts took my wife and I to an incredible cave or rather a giant pothole hidden away in the Tarn Gorge area of southern France. Known as the "Aven Armand", this must be the largest underground natural space I have ever visited. It was discovered by 3 geological explorers: Louis Armand, Edouard Alfred Martel and Armand Vire way back in 1897 and named after 2 of them. The name "Afen" comes from the local dialect meaning a vertical well - a natural access to an underground limestone world created by the passage of water.

The original explorers made entry by roping down the one vertical entrance chimney into the huge abyss several hundred metres below. Nowadays access is provided by a funicular railway down a 200 metre long tunnel which was dug beween 1926 and 1927. After leaving the railcar, the sight that greets you is mindblowing - with a single open space said to be as large as Notre Dame Cathedral and full of literally hundreds of stalactites and stalagmites up to 30 metres high, possibly the tallest known in the world. The natural build up of calcium in the form of limestone over millions of years from dripping water produces the most incredible shapes. Looking around I could see "Madonna and Child", "Angels", "Aliens", "Demons" - virtually every form of fantasy shape which we know and love, which can be bracketed under the embracing title of "PAREIDOLIA" - the animation of inanimate objects. *(See also my editorial in Vol 29 No 2 on the Mars figure).*



"DAY OF THE TRIFFIDS!"



"THE DEVIL'S ALTAR!"

If virtually every figure known in the paranormal world can be found created naturally in rock hard calcium deposits inside a single underground cavern - does this question the reality of the flesh and blood versions??

Scientists have recently been thrilled by the possible discovery that subatomic particles can travel faster than the speed of light. An experiment set up at the site of the giant particle

accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider, at Cern, Switzerland, involved blasting "neutrinos" underground to a receiving centre 500 miles away in Gran Sasso, Italy. The team at the receiving end claimed the particles had not slowed down and had arrived in micro-seconds going 60 nano-seconds faster than the speed of light. *(186,000 miles a second)*. The maximum velocity that anything can travel is the speed of light according to Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity. This complex reasoning has never been questioned until now. Experiments had been going on for 3 years before the astounding conclusions were made public on September 22nd, 2011.

The figures speak for themselves. A distance of 500 miles traversed at the speed of light indicates incredibly accurate instruments would be needed to record the time of travel which, of course, amount to tiny fractions of a second.

If the case is proven - that you can travel faster than the speed of light - this brings in the possibility of aliens moving round the universe more likely. I have been doing some fairly basic number crunching on what we know already. Man "dawdled" to the Moon on the Apollo missions of 1969-72 in about 3 days 4 hours covering the 240,000 miles distance at an average 3,158 miles per hour. *(That excludes the orbits, landing operations and time on the surface)*. At this speed it would take 3.3 years to reach the Sun and an incredible 848,000 years to reach the nearest star at 4 light years distance. To reach the 20 light year range of stars which are suggested to have planetary systems and the chances of finding "life" would take 5 times longer - I.E over 4 million years on a one way ticket!

Clearly the speeds needed to reach even the closest stars in a human lifetime are beyond our comprehension with our current level of technology. The only saving grace is that, if Einstein is wrong, then maybe estimates of stellar distances are inaccurate. Obviously the calculations of distances/velocities have been spot on in sending probes to Mars and the outer planets, else they would have failed to land or turn on cameras at the appropriate time, but moving beyond the solar system is another matter entirely.

All good wishes for 2012 and successful UFO hunting even if it's goodbye time on December 21st!

THE EDITOR

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LATEST NEWS STORIES

WHITE HOUSE DENIES EXISTENCE OF ALIENS: The US government has denied ever having contact with alien lifeforms. A White House pronouncement of 7th Nov, 2011, insisted there was no evidence that extraterrestrials had ever visited Earth or made any manner of contact. This response was in answer to two petitions asking for confirmation "that alien encounters have taken place."

White House spokesman, Phil Larson, a specialist in space policy and communications stated: "Thankyou for signing the petition asking the Obama administration to acknowledge an extraterrestrial presence here on Earth. The US government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race." Larson added this did not rule out the possibility of alien life elsewhere in the universe.

"Many scientists and mathematicians have looked with a statistical mindset at the question of whether life likely exists beyond Earth and have come to the conclusion that the odds are pretty high that somewhere among the trillions and trillions of stars in the universe there is a planet other than ours which is home to life" he said

This typical establishment statement will not satisfy the millions of US citizens who have witnessed UFOs and the large number who have been "abducted". There are reams of footage emerging every week on video or DVD of individuals, including high ranking military personnel, who intimately describe seeing aliens and their craft hidden away on various bases across the country. All very convincing - but not a single item of proof is produced such as the clinching photograph or footage during one of these heart to heart sessions.

It is debatable whether aliens would select the USA as their first port of call, when there are nearly 200 sovereign states on the planet today. If they cannot be unveiled in the world's most powerful nation, the chances are they are furtive and not wishing to become man's best friend! They could well be operating undetected in the desert wastes of Chad or Mali or in the thousands of miles of uninhabited forest and tundra in Siberia.

LARGEST MARS ROVER LAUNCHED: NASA fired off their most sophisticated Mars mission to date on November 26th, 2011. The rover vehicle known as "Curiosity" is as large as a small car, and will be dropped on to the Martian surface by means of an attached "flying saucer" which will hover at 60ft above the terrain and then lower the rover on 4 cables. Previous successful landings were achieved by bouncing the cocooned vehicle until it came to rest. Landing will take place in August 2012 and, if viable, Curiosity will traverse over 15 miles over the surface in a 2 year mission. It will be able to drill into the ground and sample soil/rock with ability to analyse in it's own chemical laboratory with a view to finding out about past life and future mining possibilities.

As a word of caution - there have been a number of failures attempting to land on the Red Planet, including the British "beagle" mission some years ago. The method of landing is untried and the rover the largest yet launched.

TONY BROAD CELEBRATES 90 YEARS: Congratulations to Tony, former custodian of the Clancarty book collection who was 90 in August this year. A party was held at his Abingdon home on July 31st attended by family and friends including members of CIUFOR council. Apart from lashings of food and drink, the guests were able to witness a superb demonstration of kite flying by Tony's son-in-law even though there was little wind.

Although routine CIUFOR meetings continue to be held at Tony's address, the historical UFO books in the Clancarty bequest have been transferred to the archivist, Bill Foley, and enquiries should be addressed via the Box number, e-mail, or hotline.

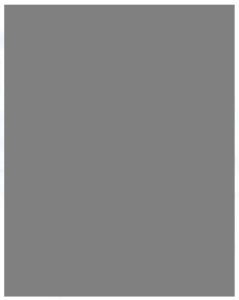
CONTACT FILES NOW COMPUTERISED: All the sighting reports of UFOs from the 1950s to 2009 filed by CIUFOR (and formerly Contact UK) have now been converted on to one huge computer file by AFU, Sweden. As previously explained, AFU have a dedicated centre for housing worldwide UFO records at Norrköping, Sweden, a 2 hour drive from Stockholm, and are able to call on unemployed individuals to create the file from paper records - a concept we in Britain can only dream of! To see photographs of the centre and learn about the latest acquisitions, Google "AFU Sweden" or download the website **www.afu.info**

Note you cannot download the CIUFOR file directly from the website as it is too large. We are looking to make copies on USB memory sticks from the master available on our Oxford computer. Any reader interested in obtaining this file should inform the secretary, Fran Copeland, at the Box number or via the e-mail address. The price would be notified in due course.

Once again thanks to Clas Svahn and his AFU team for making all this possible.

BUDD HOPKINS: The death occurred on August 21st, 2011, of Budd Hopkins, arguably the world's leading expert on "alien abductions". He was 80 and had been suffering from cancer. Primarily an artist of repute, Budd had permanent collections in various museums and galleries around New York. In 1964 he and two other witnesses reported a daylight sighting of a UFO and his interest continued for the rest of his life.

In 1975, Hopkins and Ted Bloecher studied a multi-witness UFO report - the North Hudson Park UFO sightings which occurred in New Jersey. The account was reported in the *Village Voice* during 1976 which lead to the receipt of regular letters from UFO witnesses, including some "missing time". These became a source of major interest and lead to the conclusion that such witnesses were the subject of "alien abduction".





Budd Hopkins

By the late 1980s, Budd was one of the most prominent people in ufology and established the non-profit "Intruders Foundation" in 1989. Around this time several best selling books were published, notably *"Missing Time"* (1981) and *"Intruders"* (1987) which in 1992 was made into a television film based on Hopkin's research. The 1996 book *"Witnessed"* details one of the most famous abduction cases which occurred near Brooklyn Bridge in 1989.

Much argument has been raised over Hopkins' use of hypnosis - suggesting he was aiding his subjects in confabulation - the blending of fact and fantasy. However there was never any negative suggestions about his motives or sincerity.

HILARY EVANS: Hilary died on July 27th, 2011, aged 82. The former Contact member was an intellectual British pictorial archivist, author and researcher into cryptozoological, Fortean, ufological and other undiscovered phenomena.

He was born in Shrewsbury and educated at Cambridge. In 1964 he and his wife, Mary, founded the Mary Evans Picture Library, an archive for historical illustrations. In 1981 he co-founded the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena, ASSAP.

Right up to his final years Hilary was investigating the weird and wonderful. His final book

"Sliders" (pub: 2010) concerns the study of certain people who have the unconscious power to turn off street lights simply by approaching them. The phenomenon of "Street Light Interference" (SLI) is apparently real and Hilary dubbed such persons as "Sliders".

In keeping with CIUFOR, Hilary donated much of his appropriate archive to the AFU project in Sweden before his passing.



LOST IN THE MATRIX! We have just heard that the latest UFO magazine publication *"UFO Matrix"* has closed after less than ten editions. Billed to appear in the top newsagents, W.H. Smith, it was somewhat difficult to spot among the hundreds of other titles on the shelves and sales are believed to have only reached 8,000 - way below break even level.

Editor, the veteran ufologist, Philip Mantle, resigned several months ago after failing to gain sufficient funding from the financial backers, and the next scheduled edition was already a month overdue. Since the death of Graham Birdsall at the early age of 49, nobody has been able to emulate the original success of Birdsall's *"UFO Magazine"* as a national publication.

NEWSCLIPPINGS The archivist, Bill Foley, is maintaining an extensive file of newsclippings on UFO sightings and other paranormal phenomena such as animal mutilations and phantom wild cats. Please send anything interesting, particularly from your local newspapers, showing date of publication, to P.O Box 23, Wheatley, OX33 1FL.

AGONY CORNER: (Anti-establishment comments on latest scares, cover-ups and conspiracies.)

WINDFARMS - ROYAL UFOLOGIST HITS OUT! The covert ufologist and most politically incorrect public figure in Britain, the Duke of Edinburgh, is quoted as stating that windfarms "were absolutely useless, completely reliant on subsidies and an absolute disgrace." These remarks were made to the managing director of a windfarm company, Esbjorn Wilmar, at a recent reception in London.

Wilmar apparently attempted to argue that on-shore turbines were one of the most cost effective forms of renewable energy with the Duke, who retorted: "you don't believe in fairytales do you?"

slow it was travelling he had already missed any opportunity of find his camera and so ran to the front of the house to watch it pass over. He looked to his right and saw approx half to three quarters of a mile away a light aircraft on a parallel course and which he could clearly hear and in a blink he looked first to the object which had now gone then straight back to the light aircraft and right up behind it was the object. The object was pulsating rapidly, not like an aircraft strobe light but much faster and from his position he could see that the object hid the plane for a few seconds. In all the time that he watched the object which was approx 2-3 minutes the 5 points seemed to keep their shape. He was unsure whether it was round and the points were caused by the extreme brightness or whether this was its true shape, all he could say that it appeared to be consistent. Since his sighting he has made a point of watching all aircrafts and helicopters so that he could judge the shape size and altitude and speed of the object. He gave a very good complete account of his sighting and was confident that it was true and accurate.

Date:	**12th May 2011**	**Country**	**UK**
Place	**Cam Peak Nr Dursley**	**Time**	**22.15**
Source:	**Original**		

My wife and myself saw two or three lights moving up and down, sometimes at great speed, they were changing colour and not following any set pattern. It could not have been a balloon of any type as it carried on for at least 20 minutes or so, we did manage to video some of this on camcorder. When we watched this, the light suddenly seemed to split into two different objects then rejoin again. It was all very mysterious.

The following sighting was passed onto Contact via Lionel Beer for which we thank him very much.

Date:	**October 2011**	**Country**	**USA**
Place	**Phoenix, Arizona**	**Time**	**22.15**
Source:	**Original**		

The witness wrote " I'm writing this letter to inform you of a stunning incident that happened in the sky over Phoenix Arizona USA eight days ago.
My stepson Frank is living in Phoenix with his family and as an ex-pilot and trained observer he is very sceptic about UFO's and never shared my interest in this subject, but on a clear day over the city of Phoenix in the late afternoon there appeared low, (how low has not been established) a UFO of a boomerang or triangle shape and over 10,000 people saw it. The sky was clear so no hindrance or mistaking a conventional aircraft.
Here's what not unusual is that the authorities silenced the newspapers and news networks so as not to cause panic as they say or National Security breaching.

Date:	**Mid September 1983**	**Country**	**UK**
Place	**Cambs.,Norfolk Area**	**Time**	**20.45**
Source:	**Original**		

Mr FR was driving a large Post Office Van along the A47 between Wisbech and Kings Lynn. The time approaching 20.45 and found the A47 very quiet and directly ahead he saw an unusual shaped craft resting in a field. He slowed down to see a bright cage shaped object emanating bars of blue red green.

He stopped the van and got out and saw that it did not have a bottom or top to the cage shape and he counted 8 bars on each of the four sides. Each bar seemed to resonate a very bright colour. The sequence that went around the bars anti clockwise was blue green red. His eyes began to smart with the intensity of the light then after about 5 minutes of observation the cage slowly rose up then seemed to disappear before his eyes. There was no audible sound just very brilliant light. He stood for a very few minutes then returned to the Van. As he was driving he had the sense that someone or something was beside him, it felt like a presence of some sort which invaded his van for at least 15 minutes afterwards.

Date:	**19th March 2011**	**Country**	**UK**
Place	**Bicester, Oxfordshire**	**Time**	**14.30**
Source:	**UK UFO Sightings**		

Looking North from Bicester North Station my partner and I witnessed a saucer/rugby ball shape silver disc travel right to left approximately 200ft high above the houses. This was witnessed for approx. 25 secs. The second half of the flight saw it turn black then back to silver about six times before it turned slightly then disappeared at an incredible speed. I was left shaken and stunned. I reported it to Bicester Police who put me in touch with the CAA. It was a life changing experience. I am not an idiot but life seemed to stand still at the time. It was a beautiful crystal clear sunny day, with a cloudless blue sky. Visibility was excellent, and it was fairly low and near, it was undoubtedly a UFO.

Date:	**19th November 2011**	**Country**	**Malta**
Place	**Pembroke Malta**	**Time**	**19.35**
Source:	**Original**		

Mr JD was inside his house when he spotted around 20 objects floating for little more than a minute. He described the scene as some were flickering like anti-collision beacons stating they were the colours of stars and same in brightness, in fact, his first impression was that they were stars but moving then he realised they were very close together and some seemed brighter and the last one of the pack seemed bigger and brighter than the rest.

They were travelling from SE to NW and travelling in line but not in formation keeping different distances between them, the bulk group were made up of 15 and the distance between them was about the wing span of a 737, the rest of the group were further behind and more distant apart. He states they were below the cloud cover as it was cloudy at the time with clear patches where you could actually see the stars.

Date:	**30th September 2011**	**Country**	**UK**
Place	**Banbury, Oxfordshire**	**Time**	**23.40**
Source:	**UK UFO Sightings**		

ME witnessed a large orange yellow sphere moving rapidly some distance above his house. The object was moving in a northerly direction then made a 30 degree turn and finally faded out of view to the north east. The incident lasted no longer than two minutes. Whilst watching the light and debating with his girlfriend what the light could be Mr ME ran inside and got his binoculars as he was certain it was a Chinese lantern but looking at the object through these he could see it was not a lantern and certainly a spherical object as described. Whilst ME had gone inside his girlfriend said that another object travelling much faster than the spherical object flew right over it (like a shooting star) and whilst the second bright object is an unknown the first object certainly was intriguing.

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SIGNS IN THE FIELDS 32ND YEAR - CROP CIRCLE REPORT 2011

by Geoff Ambler

Once again crop circles have come and gone in this, the 32nd consecutive season according to our records. Although there ceases to be any surprises in the brilliance of the designs, it should be noted that the phenomenon seems to be continuous on a worldwide basis, starting with discernible formations in January in rice paddy fields in Indonesia/Java to a batch of formations in Brazil, November. The main bulk of events occurs in the summer months in the northern hemisphere and the British total estimated at 62 formations started on April 22nd and ran through to mid-August. However outside of the crop season, a row of circles were found in a strip of residual wheat or barley at Alton Barnes, Wilts in early October and a heart shaped design has been spotted at Roundway Hill near Devizes into December in some form of standing crop or grass. It seems that the phenomenon is now so vigorous that it will home in on any left-over patch of standing crop, probably left to feed wild life in the winter months.

The British 2011 season looks to have been almost entirely in Wiltshire again with 48 formations, 77% of the known total. A single patch of terrain covering Wiltshire, north Hants and west Oxfordshire accounted for 87% of the total with only 8 formations discovered outside this zone. As always there may have been unreported circles in other areas where aerial spotters were not operating. Further concentration to within 10 miles of Avebury was noted in the peak period of late July - early August to coincide with large numbers of visitors there it seems. The final wheat formation in Wiltshire occurred on August 15th, but there were no subsequent events in maize/sweet corn this year, where the flattening of 8ft tall plants with inch thick stems never ceases to amaze!

Data gathered from overseas cannot be regarded as 100% reliable. With 53 formations listed on the main website **www.cropcircleconnector.com** some such as the Holland batch of 10 listed events look to be nearly all scruffy layouts in grass and so skew the figures overall.

2011 DATA

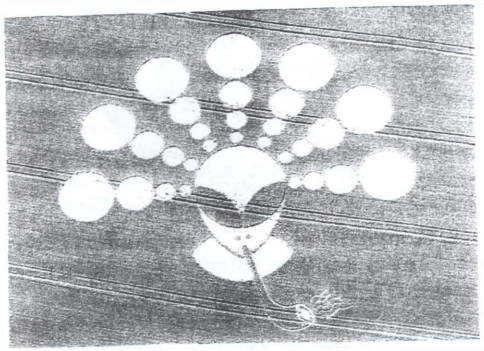
MONTHS	
April	3
May	8
June	16
July	24
Aug	9
Oct	1
Dec	1
	62

UK COUNTIES	
Wilts	48
Hants	4
Lincs	4
Oxon	2
Glos	1
Gwent	1
Cheshire	1
Northum'	1
	62

OVERSEAS	
Italy	12
Holland	10
CzechR	7
Brazil	4
Java	4
USA	4
Germany	3
Belgium	3
Mexico	2
Russia	2
Austria	1
Slovakia	1
	53

INVESTIGATION - THE "SMOKING ALIEN": We reported briefly in the last edition that a provocative design featuring an "alien face" smoking a pipe had been created at Cherhill White Horse on July 27th. The inference was that this must have been a hoax. However on arrival at the site, the writer found that the field containing this large formation was entirely surrounded by mesh fencing topped by double strands of barbed wire. This seems to be a feature of crop fields situated next to well visited National Trust sites - probably to prevent idiots setting light to the crop. Although the odd person gained access while I was there it was too much of a balancing act for this 68 year old! A ufologist colleague who did manage to examine the circles especially the pipe and face features described the lay as "amazing". He also suggested that the creator might be telling us that this concept of aliens was a "pipe dream"!

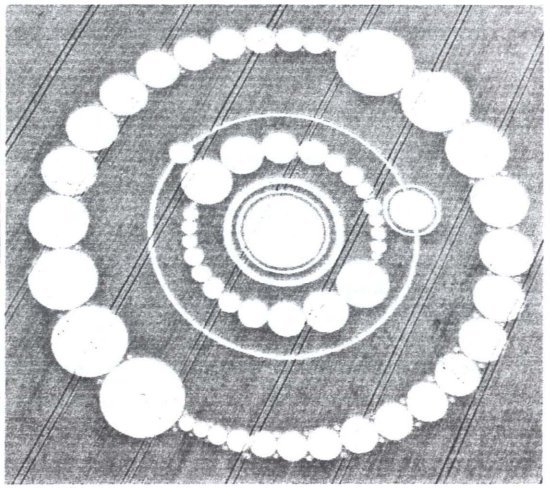
With virtually no easy access to this field it seems rather odd that hoaxers might choose it instead of the adjacent field next to the A4 trunk road containing wheat of the same quality and easily entered.





Photographs: Above, "smoking alien" 27th July, Cherhill White Horse. Below, Windmill Hill, 26th July. Formations are just one mile apart. (Air shots www. cropcircleconnector.com Ground Shots: Geoff Ambler).





"DOUG AND DAVE" - 20TH ANNIVERSARY : Yes it is now 20 years - 1991 - in fact, since two so-called artists from Southampton, Doug Bower and Dave Chorley made the outrageous claim that they were the "circlemakers" and had been creating crop circles since 1978. Whereas most people with any knowledge of the subject would realise their claims were ridiculous, they were indulged by fading tabloid newspaper *"Today"*, who, desperate for a major scoop blazed a banner headline across their front page on September 9th, 1991 "MEN WHO CONNED THE WORLD"

The Today newspaper headlines - Sept 1991

EXPOSED: Two artists admit they pulled off the great corn circles hoax for 13 years

MEN WHO CONNED THE WORLD



Our two artists were paraded in front of the world's press and demonstrated their skills of circle making by flattening crop with a 3ft long plank of wood suspended by a loop of rope, plus an eye-sight-mounted on Doug's ever present baseball cap. The result was a total mess according to regular researchers present. However this method of "planking" still seems to be the only means by which hoaxes are created in spite of national papers suggesting the complex designs are now "computerised" and use satellite positioning methods.

From research being carried out by CIUFOR at the time, it was not clear how a quintuplet formation found behind some allotments on the outskirts of Aylesbury in 1989 could have been created by the Southampton pair, plus several others in the Chilterns - a long way from their home base. The "hotspot" was then an area of Hampshire around Cheesefoot Head, a few miles east of Winchester on the A272 road to Alton. Of course this was only a short distance from where Doug and Dave hung out and supposedly they hatched their plot while drinking in one of the country pubs in the area.

The aftermath of this obvious scam was that objective research was set back several years and the general public preferred the Doug and Dave version of events to something "paranormal". Top researcher, the late Pat Delgado, was fooled into accepting a circle as "genuine" when it was created for another tabloid newspaper and he promptly retired from public view. Another leading figure, the scientist, Terence Meaden, had postulated a rare natural event the "plasma vortex" as the creator of circles, but when straight lines/boxes first appeared in 1990/1 after 10 years of nothing but circles, Meaden was unable to answer this scientifically and retired back to the family garage business in Bradford-on-Avon. In later summers Doug was supposedly still circle faking with other hoaxers, but Dave died some years ago. *"Today"* folded within two years of their revelation. The following year, 1992, was a quiet one, but circles still appeared, and by 1994 advanced designs were appearing in the Avebury area which became the new "hotspot".

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THE SPACESHIP EARTH

by John A. Keel

(Editor: Archive article originally appearing in Awareness, Vol 3 No 4, Winter 1974, and in memory of the late John Keel)

You were probably taught in school that the Earth began as a chunk of flaming matter cast off by the Sun. It slowly cooled and solidified, then bolts of lightning smashed into random puddles of chemicals and turned them into living cells by some mysterious process. As the aeons passed, these cells united to form larger organisms until finally strange animals crawled out of the sea, replaced their gills with lungs and noses, and eventually developed into gangling creatures with arms and legs.

This basic theory has become one of the many myths of modern science. The only alternative, accepted by billions of people throughout history, is that of supernatural creation; that some great power or force manipulated atomic matter into a complex design called Man.

Today a third theory is rapidly attracting attention, even though it has been bandied about for years by assorted cultists and cranks. It claims, in essence, that mankind neither evolved or was created on this planet, but rather that small groups of colonists migrated here, or were transported here from some distant world. Our ancestors were neither water-based amphibians nor supernatural constructions. They were SPACEMEN! and the aerial "gods" of these early earthmen were really scientists from the home planet watching over and guiding the progress of their experimental progenies or "planted colonists".

Interestingly, the myths and traditions of every race and culture on this planet, including the flying saucer lore, indicate that the Sky People, as they may be conveniently termed, have remained in constant touch with us throughout the ages and have constantly been "inspecting" us much as a farmer might inspect his herd of prize cattle. Our planet is , in a sense, a huge farm according to this hypothesis. Recall that the early gods advised us to go forth and multiply as rapidly as possible. This order to "replenish the earth" became an integral part of all our major religions. According to these myths the gods even gave us tools for survival, by teaching us agriculture and the basic sciences. Every ancient culture preserved such traditions. The gods also warned us when major catastrophes, such as earthquakes and floods, were due; and when we perfected and detonated our atomic bombs, they scurried around this planet in the 1950s ordering us, according to the contactees, to cease and desist. They did not wish us to blow ourselves up, because, maybe, they had other plans for us.

THE HOME OF THE GODS: Ever since the first flying saucer scare of 1947, the second biggest question (the first being "Do UFOs exist at all?") has been, "If flying saucers are real, where do they come from?" Factions among believers in flying saucers were seen advocating Mars and/or Venus as the place of origin. In the 1960s, the United States and Soviet Union spent many millions of dollars and roubles sending probes to these planets. They discovered that Venus was very hot - about 800° on the surface - and probably could not support life (at least as we know it). Mars was found to be a dead world of craters and crevices, not unlike the Moon. There is, however, photographic evidence that Mars once contained that vital ingredient for life - water.

Glumly the space scientists agreed that, except for the third planet, our little Solar System

was probably devoid of life. Certainly none of the other 8 planets was harbouring a superior intelligence with a technology advanced enough to build and launch interplanetary spacecraft.

Yet, accumulating UFO reports continue to show that someone or something from somewhere is not only able to construct such craft, but that they are visiting Earth in them!

A generation ago no scientist in his right mind supported the notion that other planets might exist outside the Solar System. Today, practically every astronomer and scientist connected with space problems and subjects publically agrees there are probably millions of planets in our own region of the Milky Way (our Sun is, of course, part of the galaxy popularly known as the Milky Way). By the law of probability, thousands of these could be inhabited by life forms essentially like ourselves, even far superior to us.

But which of these many worlds is home base for the gods? They are all many light years away, and it would take us thousands of years just to establish radio contact with them - if they have radio communication that is.

We keep hoping. Our recent space probe to Jupiter is decorated with designs meant to inform any extra terrestrial race there of our existence. Our radio telescopes periodically transmit mathematical messages wishfully into space in case there is anyone out there to receive them. Of course, even if our messages are received, it does not necessarily follow that the recipients would reply or even want to reply.

If we accept the observational evidence of millions of flying saucer eye-witnesses, these efforts at extraterrestrial communication are unnecessary. The Sky People are not huddled around radio receivers on some far-off planet. They are landing in our farm fields and on our highways, constantly administering medical tests to astonished Earthlings.

If UFOs and the Sky People are real, and if they have been watching over us for thousands of years (as ancient records and traditions seemingly imply), we might find the answer to their secret place of origin in the ancient myths. And, in fact the myths and legends of all races, together with certain passages in the Bible, pinpoint their location precisely.

That place of origin is an obscure cluster of seven stars known as the Pleiades.

DYING WORLDS: Ancient men, from Australia to Babylon, from Africa to South America, placed special importance on the star-group known as the Pleiades. Modern scientists have discovered that several important features of the Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt, are carefully aligned with the Pleiades. Innumerable myths from Africa, the Middle East, and even from remote isolated islands in the Pacific, not only describe the Sky People but soberly identify their place of origin as the Pleiades. There are many, many more important stars and constellations in the heavens, so why did all ancient peoples settle on the obscure Pleiades as the source of the Sky People? Why did the builders of Stonehenge, the Great Pyramid at Giza, and of many other ancient architectural edifices and structures carefully include this faint star-cluster in their calculations?

To the naked eye, only seven stars in the Pleiades are commonly visible. Actually there are about 500 stars in this cluster, of which astronomers have catalogued some 250. They are comparitively close together, and their closeness means interaction of gravity, etc, are producing a rate of disintegration which can be calculated. In short, the Pleiades are doomed! Astronomers have also observed great clouds of gas drifting through the star

cluster. If planets exist around some of these stars, such gas clouds could be raising havoc with any life-forms on these worlds. Any scientists on a Pleiades planet would be able to calculate the disintegration rate as easily as our scientists have been able to.

It will take millions of years of our time for the Pleiades to self destruct, but of course, our calculations are based on distant observations made with relatively primitive instruments. A scientist situated directly in the Pleiades might have a different, far more alarming basis for his calculations. A kind of panic might prevail as the Pleiadeans helplessly study the great cosmic turmoil in their sector of space. They might be engaged in a massive project for a suitable new home. If their populations are large, and they occupy a number of planets, total evacuation could be impractical. There would be only one, barely satisfactory alternative - migration and colonisation of other distant safer planets, for a selected few.

COLONIES IN SPACE: Good inhabitable planets may be scarcer in the Universe than our tables of probabilities suggest. After all, only one of the nine planets in our own Solar System is fit for life as we know it. To locate another Earth-like planet we might have to visit thousands of stars with planet systems. Assuming that the Pleiadeans exist, and that they became aware of their problem thousands, even millions of years ago, they would have had to have to set up a long range exploration programme. Like us, they would have first sent out space probes to all parts of the more immediate regions of the Universe. Then they would have followed up with interstellar craft carrying a few dedicated explorers and colonists willing to travel for years, even generations, in space to the most promising of the worlds located by the original probes.

Generations later, colonists on these worlds would preserve little or no memory of their own planet, only vague, shadowy racial impressions and myths. As time passed, even the myths would become clouded with fantasy and irrelevant detail. But even though the Sky People or "gods" would perhaps remind them from time to time about their origins, those reminders would be largely if not wholly incomprehensible.

Thus if Man is descended from "colonists" of this type, he has evolved not as the product of some supernatural force or as a result of lightning bolts striking chemical puddles, but as the seed planted here by long forgotten "farmers" on a far away world. That world may have been situated in the star-cluster called the Pleiades.

THE PROJECT: A super-technological race facing extinction would probably develop plans and programmes designed for their salvation that were so complex and so long ranged that they would, in all probability, be beyond our understanding. The possibilities developed in this article are such that we should now devote closer attention to possible extensions of the main theme.

The colonisation of a remote planet might be only one of the many special projects launched by such a super race. Other life forms might be deposited on other planets *quite* different from Earth. Indeed, half the Universe could be turned into a gigantic experimental "farm" by the ambitious and ingenious super race, who, in this case are the Pleiadeans. This reminds us of the well known Biblical passage, "There are Many Mansions in My Father's House". When it becomes evident to the super race that a colony is failing, they might ruthlessly destroy it and begin again, either there or elsewhere. In many legends and traditions early mankind is said to have developed along undesirable lines, much to the displeasure and dismay of the gods, who decided to eliminate the species except for a few chosen specimens. The Noachian deluge of the Old Testament is a good example of this

ancient belief, although scores of others, equally illustrative, also exist.

It might also be that when an experiment produces excess population, it might be deemed advisable to sift off and evacuate a part of that population to another world in another sector of the Universe. Are the disappearances of humans, both as individuals and as groups, which some researchers have linked with UFO activity, instances of such action?

Even within Man's short and limited memory, there have been whole cultures on this planet which have simply vanished, leaving behind cities and artifacts but little else. Our racial memories are equally baffling. The Eskimoes of the far north, for example, have a tradition that they were originally flown there in "metal birds". Now why would the pilots of such "metal birds" bother to move whole groups of people to some inhospitable Arctic area? It all sounds like some experiment or project - superficially outrageous until one recalls the many similar happenings described in myths and legends all over the world. Even the Bible, a valuable handbook in this type of study, recounts several such "experiments". The gods were always shuffling us around, and as we have become more aware of what is perhaps actually going on we inevitably ask the following question: "Are we now in the final stages of this mysterious project?"

Even more unnerving is the possibility that a really super technology might be able to manipulate not only races and life forms but entire planets.

WHERE DID THE EARTH COME FROM? The popular scientific explanation for the creation of the Earth is a lot of rubbish!

The Sun is an atomic bomb with hydrogen atoms constantly ripping apart and turning into helium. It is also known that a chunk of the Sun would not be likely to cool and solidify. It would convert to energy and gas and dissipate into space. If this process could produce a planet the size of the Earth (and it can't), the original material would have to be larger than the Sun; and helium would surely be an ingredient of the basic atmosphere. Helium is one of the rarest gases of all on Earth (which has an atmosphere composed mainly of nitrogen), being found naturally only in the United States, principally in Texas. If the Earth was in fact an offshoot of the solar process, there would pockets of helium on Earth everywhere, even if they were only of small extent.

Interestingly, the great dirigibles of the 1920's and 1930's had to be abandoned because there wasn't sufficient helium available, and the companies had to rely on dangerous hydrogen gas for their gas-bags.

Studies of rock formations suggest that the Earth is about 3 billion years old. Until very recently, astronomers believed that the Moon was created about the same time, and some thought it might even be made from a piece of material wrenched from the Earth itself. Moon rocks recently brought back by our astronauts now indicate that the Moon is older than the Earth by approximately a billion years!

The Earth also appears to be dramatically different from all other planets in our Solar System, since the majority of the others are gaseous, or appear to be so. How come? Were the 9 planets comprising our system created in different ways at different times?

As we learn more about Mars we may find it is far older than the Earth or the Moon, and that it might have supported life aeons ago. Despite the long standing controversy about the

so-called "Martian canals", no tangible evidence exists for life now on Mars. Did the Martians migrate? Or were they transported elsewhere by "metal birds" at a certain period in their development?

If the Pleiadeans previously mentioned are a super race possessing fantastic technology, perhaps they not only have means for space travel , but also a science so incredible that can manipulate whole planets. Just possibly the position of Earth in the Solar System is actually due to their past interventions. Certainly some of the more mysterious features on this planet could be their handiwork.

If, as many ancient legends insist, a super race connected in some way with the pleaides star-cluster does or did exist, then indeed all the possibilities discussed in this article may once have really happened, while they supervised their gigantic project. In this connection it is relevant to note that a few historians have suggested that Man's memories of the "Garden of Eden" are actually memories of some other world. More likely, however, they are just the memories of bewildered ancients who found themselves suddenly transported to inhospitable wastes, icy or sandy, their understanding as befuddled as are the memories of our modern UFO contactees.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS: All of the foregoing is merely an intelligent exercise. The case for extraterrestrial life is built on very flimsy premises. Possibilities and probabilities are not certainties. Myths and legends have been so distorted by inaccurate repetition down the centuries that they are scarcely reliable as factual sources, even though we have referred to a few of them earlier. We can only relate and base our speculations on what we know about the modern appearances and behaviour of UFOs. And the major lesson of the UFO saga is that the source of the objects is occupied with deceiving and confusing us, a claim I have elaborated on in my book *" UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse"* (1970). Our Pleaideans are therefore allegorical.

Man's search for extraterrestrial life may be a fruitless enterprise, based on our growing and fearful loneliness. If there are other people sitting on a doomed planet in the Pleaides star cluster, they may only be sharing our fear and loneliness. As the great naturalist, Dr Loren Eiseley once said "---- somewhere across space, great instruments, handled by strange, manipulative organs, may stare vainly at our floating cloud wrack, their owners yearning as we yearn".

Editor: In checking the factual accuracy of the text 37 years later, there is not a great deal to comment on. Keel's obsession with the Pleiades cannot be proven one way or the other. As far as I am aware no further advances have been made in this area. The more interesting Sirius mystery involving the primitive Dogon tribe in west Africa has at least some factual content in that the tribe seems to be aware that Sirius is a binary star. Concentration on certain star groupings by early civilisations might be more to do with astrology or a forerunner of this subject.

The age of the Earth is now considered to be of the order of 4.5 billion years rather than the 3 billion suggested (but at least not 4004 BC!). We now accept that the number of planets in the Solar System is back to 8 with the removal of Pluto - being considered as merely the largest member of the Edgeworth-Kuiper belt of icy bodies on the very edge of our home system.

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UFO REPORTS AND MILITARY PROGRAMMES FOR THEM

by Michael Soper

Consider that the statements of contactees and revealing footage are not always revealed as much as more footling items.

Few know that the first 9/11 footage aired by NBC (the US national broadcasting company) showed a SPHERE knocking down the tower - and after this some call NBC, NEW BALL COMES! The question of the actuality of the sphere is less important than the fact that only they aired it of all the news media at the scene and fairly soon after their edition showed a plane that had a light alloy nose of surprising strength that emerged unscathed on the far side of the tower having traversed through a hundred steel reinforced columns. Did the sphere exist - still debated. However 100 million dollars disappeared from an underground vault between the towers, just beforehand, and this seems to suggest that to somebody, 3,500 deaths are not important.

In total about 200 UFO cases have left radioactive traces, and yet over all the years of Freedom of Information releases from the Ministry of Defence not one features in the UK lists of thousand of cases. Now this must mean that such events are not being released to the public record, and this is the policy one might expect, given that the releases are some attempt to control the phenomenon. The fact that these are nonsearchable PDF format speaks volumes since to convert these to searchable format, the documents must be printed and manually scanned in, page by page, sometimes up to 400 pages and few newspaper offices can spare the time or the manpower which is a shame.

Note the rather stark options involved:

(1) Governments desperately seek UFO data relating to astronautic techniques and crowd control.

(2) Cases exist of MIND CONTROL by UFOs.

(3) Pavlov showed in his later dog experiments three further stages of conditioning: protective transmarginal inhibition, equivalent transmarginal inhibition and ultraparadoxical protective, transmarginal inhibition. These various states were induced by reversing the outcomes of prior conditioning, I.E as happened, ring the bell for food and then castrate the animal. This material did not appear in US and England until 1941 and led to the depatterning experiments of Dr P.J Cameron in Montreal. The corresponding human states to these stages are:

(a) Equivalent is valueless and ethicless - automatic low key.

(b) Ultraparadoxical is Hyde out of Jekyll, that is a complete reversal of values, as per the fictional work *"Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde"*

In the creation of "Manchurian Candidates", that production line of robotic spies from the Cold War, both these "alternates" and a suicidal one are available at cue. The funding for all this research was plentiful in the fifties and indicated the intense desire of governments to control opinion and their populations rather than free them.

(4) Aeronautic techniques used by UFOs completely outclassed all planes until the Harrier, since few planes could cruise at 300 knots and then suddenly stop.

(5) Radar returns from the fifties indicated speeds of 12,000 mph.

(6) Very high speed submarine UFOs also detected.

(7) The military are very keen to control the phenomenon so that they can time secret plane tests.

(8) Soviet Union organised national skywatches by military personnel.

(9) Astronauts have spotted UFOs flitting near the Moon, reporting from a military angle.

(10) Photos of an object near the Martian moon, Phobos, reveal an object over a quarter of a mile long.

Accounts of Contactees, especially those from Finland indicate a quantum shift in our understanding needed for any approach to the UFO phenomenon, fortunately for the general population.

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MISSIONARIES FROM OUTER SPACE

by Clement Freud

(Editor: The following is an account from an early Telegraph magazine No 155, dated September 22nd 1967 concerning the "International Sky Scouts", forerunner of Contact International. Interviews were made by the well known radio and TV personality and later Liberal M.P, the late Clement Freud. This exercise was carried out at the height of the Warminster "flap" and Freud made location visits. Photographs included seem to be the favourites from every UFO book ever written, but none-the-less we show them overleaf. Our front cover shows the London branch of the Sky Scouts posing for the camera at Alexandra Palace.)

There are people involved in this, earth people: like the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench who is Chairman of International Sky Scouts. He is tall, bespectacled, 40, *(Ed: Brinsley marked this, he must have been over 50 at the time)* and abounds with boyish enthusiasm for the venture.

"Look into the sky as if you were searching for unidentified flying objects," said a BBC cameraman to a group of Ufologists. The Hon. Brinsley reached for his binoculars, looked up and said: "I can see the portholes."

He feels that UFO pilots are missionaries; their reason for not making open contact is that they are an advanced race wise enough not to interfere with the development of lesser people. Their interest in this planet was awakened by the Atom Bombs in 1945.

Re-awakened? In his reply he did not actually call me Horatio but mentioned "more things in heaven and earth ---", Lake Titicaca, the High Andes, the Gate of the Sun, how did a 200 ton stone get to the top of Tiahuanca?, quizzical markings on the surface of the Earth and the White Horse at Uffington. We met for breakfast. He arrived 20 minutes early for the appointment, ordered coffee eggs and bacon, toast and marmalade and was steadily worried about being late for the office; he is advertising manager for a gardening magazine. And there is Ken Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA); send one guinea and a stamped addressed envelope. He is also Information Officer for International Sky Scouts - 5s a year, special appeal for the young Ufologist. Rogers is 18, works as an apprentice copytaker on the *Daily Express* which is a newspaper. He is a slight fair-haired boy who spends an average of 6 hours a day on UFO work; his mum is unhappy about the size of the telephone bill. BUFORA is the biggest association of its kind and in the words of the secretary: "we have a scheme whereby nuts are excluded; we are a scientific group, supposed to be, and if the Ministry of Defence wanted to co-operate with us, they wouldn't want to deal with a lot of nuts."

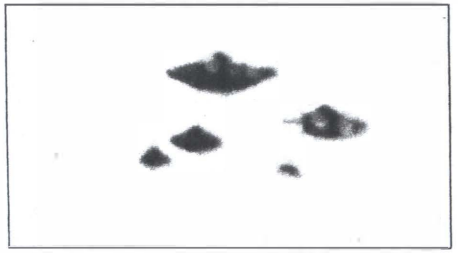
His ultimate aim is to present concrete evidence of UFOs to the people of the world. To make contact; to get rid of the letter "U" in UFO and feels there is no way of telling whether the objects are hostile or friendly. For himself he has no desire to get too close to one "because of the power bit ----- the force field". He distributes forms upon which people give details of "sightings". "I saw a machine (definately)," wrote a man; "being curious about anything that could perform such a manouver --- I got my camera." He feels there is no reason why a man should have to be able to spell in order to be accepted as a reliable witness. The BUFORA sighting form is comprehensive, based on the American Army Air Force questionnaires.



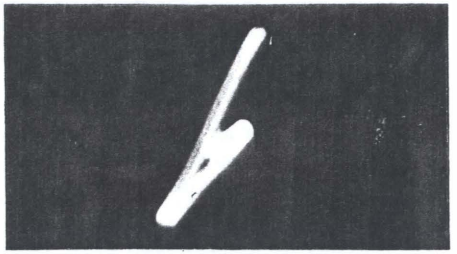
JANUARY, 1966 . . . By Bob Langley, 15, of Warminster, using a 5s camera



OCTOBER, 1966 . . . By Bob Strong, an ex-airman, at dawn near Warminster



MARCH, 1962 . . . UFOs photographed by Alex Birch at Mossborough, Lancs



AUGUST, 1965 . . . Taken by Gordon Faulkner, 23, near Warminster, Wilts

Question: What familiar object transported to the sky might look like the object you saw?
Answer: (by the "definately" man), a flattened cottage loaf.

Mr Rogers and I arranged to meet for a drink at noon. He arrived at the appointed place at 11.15 am, left and returned at 11.45; went away and came back at ten minutes passed twelve. He apologised for being late and accepted a glass of champagne with no particular emotion.

"All information", says a BUFORA handout, "is evaluated by Anthony Durham of Clare College Cambridge." Durham is an undergraduate but Rogers says "the Cambridge bit sounds impressive."

There is also Arthur Shuttlewood of Warminster in Wiltshire. Reporter on the *Warminster Journal*, author of *The Warminster Mystery*. A homespun rustic (call me Arthur, Clement) with John Arlott-like fluency, a feeling for words and a penchant for taking your arm and pointing to the sky. Arthur and his group are unaffiliated to organisation or association and are probably unaffiliatable! A one-time self confessed sceptic he came into the UFO

business when he interviewed people in his home town and scoffed at their versions of the "Warminster sound" - described as the noise of tiles being ripped off a roof.

And then in the true tradition of major sceptics he became the greatest believer. To date he has seen 400 UFOs; 13 in one night, which is a record.

In the middle of a description of a sighting he glides smoothly to the Bible - Joshua looked up and saw a chariot of fire (one of the earliest recorded sightings) and from Joshua to Ezekiel to Exodus and on to the Gospels.

He quotes names and professions of witnesses - schoolmasters and campanologists figure heavily in his list of reliable sighters - and he is convinced that UFOs are a force for good. In his native Warminster he has noticed that people who have reported "sightings" have shown increased kindness towards their neighbours. Taking in the baby from next door for evenings on end, and becoming tolerant, kindly, law-abiding members of the society

Arthur has also had a number of extra-terrestrial telephone calls. He has talked about them on television, BBC and ITV. We met at Cradle Hill above Warminster at 1.30 am and when I started to talk about telephone calls he said "I think I'll go further up the hill for inspiration", and disappeared into the night.

On UFO day, held to mark the 20th anniversary of the first known sighting (nine flying saucers in America), night vigils were mounted by 40,000 international UFO associates. The London branch met at Crews Hill near Potters Bar, Middlesex. Rendezvous was at the station at 7 pm. Sky Scouts to proceed to the golfcourse; Bufora's chairman had been loaned a field opposite the clubhouse in which he had parked his Dormobile.

There is no rivalry between the two factions I was told - only everybody seemed to go with the Sky Scout lot on to the golf course.They were a motley group: 21 men, 2 women. A very small man in his early twenties wearing a corduroy suit was equipped with two cameras tied on to a plank of wood. This device, he said, would take stereophonic pictures. So far each camera had a separate film but this was a teething problem upon which he was working. His wife, a sad long-haired lady, was carrying a thick batch of UFO magazines. Her husband ,she explained, was chairman, secretary, printer, everything really. They had formed an association - membership had reached four.

As it would have been sadistic to have asked whether this number included the founder and his lady, I wished them good fortune.

UFO kit, I understand, consists of a camera; a telescope or binoculars; a powerful torch with which to show other watchers the direction of the object; a tape recorder and a UFO detector which works on the reverse principle of the Geiger Counter - that is to say it buzzes when there is something non-metallic passing overhead. At Crews Hill there was one such contraption on view. It was in two parts - a stick, with a metal circle attached to one end and a battery tied to the handle. When the battery was depressed it made radio interference noises. The pitch of the signal, it is claimed, changes dramatically when a UFO is overhead. The other part was a plank of wood on to which was wired a thermometer ranging from minus ten degrees centigrade to plus 110. The operator said he was not quite sure what it was supposed to do but there were instances of sudden change in temperature in the presence of a UFO, and this, he thought, would do as well as anything. The wires, which were of copper, would naturally buzz. "You know what the old wires do ----"

The small man in the corduroy suit said he was still on the elementary UFO detector, the compass. It goes absolutely mad when a UFO is about. By nine o'clock cloud was very low and several of the party got out flasks and sandwiches. An interior decorator who said he was chairman of the Sky Scouts for the night ("I believe in the psychic elements of UFOs"), told his men what positions to take up. The men took little notice; UFO spotting is a pastime for individualists in which overall discipline has the more limited chance of success.

Nethertheless each man looked into the sky in his own fashion and each hoped for some sort of extraterrestrial contact: a sighting or perhaps on this night of nights, a landing. Meanwhile at a Paddington flat loaned by a UFO sympathiser, Mr Ken Rogers was sitting by two telephones to await reports and pass on information to newspapers.

And so, as the social columnists say, on to another party in Wiltshire. By now the mist was turning to fog and the journey was long and hazardous. Coming into Warminster on the Westbury Road you turn sharp left up Elm Hill, pass a golf course on your right (there is clearly some connection between UFOs and golf) and Cradle Hill is the next hill up. About 50 people, a dozen of them women; three telescopes mounted on tripods plus a tape recorder flickering by candle-light in the open boot of a car were spotted. A spirit lamp hissing away at what would be instant coffee in about 20 minutes time; and over by the gate stood the great Arthur Shuttlewood.

On the way to the summit I asked one or two people about sightings: they had seen nothing. Arthur was in fine form - and had seen three, the first and third were satellites, but the second was absolutely, definitely a UFO. You can tell a satellite, said Arthur, because it moves like an ageing Duchess with an umbrella at a teaparty. It traverses the horizon in 7 minutes while a UFO can do it in 20 seconds flat.

He was surrounded by a small coterie of rustics - who admitted that the second sighting had indeed moved faster than the first or third; there was also a gaggle of sceptics who had seen nothing.

By 2.10 am the sky was beginning to clear; coffee was brewed and I released a bottle of whisky which was seriously consumed in small well-bred gulps.

Arthur introduced me to a young woman; fair of hair and limp of handshake who was reputed to have made a number of sightings in London.

"There," said a girl suddenly, "a thing green and red, look." She was passed a torch, flicked up a beam of light, and a man said: "Put that beam of light out, you'll spoil it." The "thing" was a plane and flew steadily and predictably towards the west. We continued our vigil.

The Moon announced it's imminent arrival by illuminating the fringes of a rain cloud and after a short lull we saw a shooting star. It shot. The sceptics were impressed; the rustics ignored it and soon after this I witnessed my first "sighting". It was what Arthur would have called "a matronly dowager sailing across the afternoon tea lawns" - also known as a satellite; a light moving faster than aircraft, slower than a shooting star in the general direction of Devizes. "Elevation 56, bearing 259," said the No 1 man on the telescope. Another relayed the information into candle-lit tape recorder. The elevation and bearing changed as the light moved. The tape recorder was kept fully informed. The same man said "Put that light out" as the torches pointed out the location of the light. "Are we doing a chop on it?" said the elevation man. I missed the reply.

It was all done with commendable efficiency until at length the light moved on and the man on the telescope gave his last reading. "Does this count as a sighting?" asked a sceptic who had given a lift to a hitch-hiking Ufologist, and accompanied him in search of enlightenment. There was no-one qualified to answer; the Warminster lot, you understand, is unaffiliated!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

With regard to the question of when the modern era of UFO sightings began, I feel that I have to put my own first date forward too - long before Foo Fighters, Ghost Rockets and Flying Saucers, in fact, in 1937, over south London.

What I saw that day was what became known as a "Mothership". I knew Zeppelin air-ships from very close by, and in any case, the Hindenberg had crashed in that May, and the Graf, grounded. This one was no Zeppelin. No engines, no command gondola, no fins and flat ends. Aerodynamically unsound, moving overhead slowly at about 5,000 feet. I had a good long look at it. It was noon, and as I learned some 60 years later, a friend of mine had seen it pass over Barnsley at around 10 am on that same day.

It was in 1974 that I next saw my Mothership over Cape Town, South Africa. I came out of the house just after 7 am, and as I put my hand on my car door handle I became conscious of a sound I could feel, or, a feeling I could hear. I've never been able to work out which. But looking up, there was a Mothership, quite stationary, directly overhead.

I called to my wife to bring the binoculars (12 x 50,) which she did, and, when she saw what I was focusing on it became a quick swap back and forth for the next few minutes, but, I hit the jackpot for, as I watched, four discs emerged but no hatches or suchlike opened - the discs just slid through the skin of the ship like a plate being drawn out of water. It was all in slow motion and made observation easy, and no sign of any egress was visible as they moved clear. In fact it was like watching a birth. The title "Mothership" is indeed apt!

They remained in the area for several days. Their best joke was the day upon which I saw the Mothership sticking out of the top of the cloud with several discs stacked above it and all moving at a steady cloudlike pace against a 40 mph SE trade wind. Eventually 4 Mirage fighters showed up heading flatout for the "visitors" craft, which then took off at such a rate that it seemed as if the aircraft had suddenly stood still.

My next Mothership was in 1995 over Kimberley. That one had 10 or so discs for company and came at the end of a series of sightings over a 3 week period.

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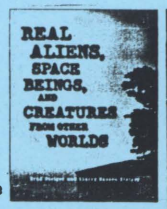
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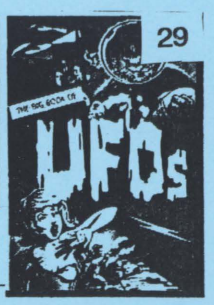
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